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# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA WAYCROSS DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	) )		
vs.	) )	Case No.	CR503-18
MIESHA OMAR PORTER,	)		
Defendant.	) )		

#### ORDER

Before the Court is Defendant's "Motion For Relief From Final Judgement (sic) And For Reconsideration Of Defendant's § 2255 Motion For Post-Conviction Relief And Resentencing." (Doc. 44.) On February 10, 2004, Defendant pled guilty, pursuant to a plea agreement, to one count of distributing five grams or more of cocaine base in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1). He was sentenced, on April 28, 2004, to 97 months imprisonment, four years supervised release and payment of a \$100 special assessment. Defendant did not file a direct appeal. In his present motion, Defendant argues that he should be resentenced based on the Supreme Court's decision in United States v. Booker, \_\_ U.S. \_\_, 125 S. Ct. 738, 160 L. Ed. 2d 621 (2005).1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>In <u>Booker</u>, the Supreme Court held that "the mandatory nature of the federal [sentencing] guidelines rendered them incompatible with the Sixth Amendment's guarantee to the right to a jury trial." <u>In Re Anderson</u>, 396 F.3d 1336, 1338 (11th Cir. 2005) (citing <u>Booker</u>, 125 S. Ct. at 756). Consequently, the Court severed and struck down the portion of the Federal Sentencing Act which made application of the guidelines mandatory.

As an initial matter, the Court notes that Defendant's motion is titled as both a motion for relief from final judgment and a motion for reconsideration of Defendant's § 2255 petition. To the extent that Defendant is seeking relief from the judgment in his criminal case under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 60(b), which allows for relief from judgments or orders for mistakes, inadvertence, excusable neglect, newly discovered evidence, fraud, etc., his motion must be DENIED. "Rule 60(b) simply does not provide for relief from judgment in a criminal case. . . . " United States v. Mosavi, 138 F.3d 1365, 1366 (11th Cir. 1998). Moreover, although Defendant's motion asks the Court to reconsider its ruling on his § 2255 petition, a review of the record in this case indicates that Defendant has not previously filed a § petition. Thus, the Court construes the motion now before it as Defendant's motion to vacate, set aside, or amend his sentence pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255.

A § 2255 petition, while obviously related to a defendant's criminal case, is a separate civil action. Accordingly, the Clerk's Office is DIRECTED to assign this matter a civil case number and to re-docket Defendant's motion and this Order in that case. Further, Defendant is ORDERED to pay the filing fee applicable to civil cases or make a motion to proceed informa pauperis within twenty (20) days of the date of this Order. After

this matter has been properly filed and docketed, the Court will proceed to ruling on the merits of Defendant's § 2255 petition.

SO ORDERED, this 6 day of May, 2005.

WILLIAM T. MOORE, JR., CHIEF JUDGE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA WAYCROSS DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Plaintiff.

v.

CASE NO: CR503-18

MIESHA OMAR PORTER,

Defendant.

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# MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM FINAL JUDGEMENT AND FOR RECONSIDERATION OF DEFENDANT'S § 2255 MOTION FOR POST-CONVICTION RELIEF AND RESENTENCING

COMES NOW counsel for Defendant MIESHA OMAR PORTER, at the express instructions of Mr. Porter, and moves this Honorable Court for relief from a final judgment or order, and for reconsideration of his Motion for post-conviction relief and for resentencing under Title 28 U.S.C. § 2255.

Title 28 U.S.C. § 2255 states: "A prisoner in custody under sentence of a court established by Act of Congress claiming the right to be released upon the ground that the sentence was imposed in violation of the Constitution or laws of the United States, or that the court was without jurisdiction to impose such sentence, or that the sentence was in excess of the maximum authorized by law, or is otherwise subject to collateral attack, may move the court which imposed the sentence to vacate, set aside or correct the sentence. A motion for such relief may be made at any time." 28 U.S.C. § 2255

On April 28, 2004, this Court entered judgment in this case. It sentenced the Defendant to 97 months in prison after using the Federal Sentencing Guidelines to find he had an offense level of 29 and a criminal history of II. (Exhibit "A"). Under Count VI of the indictment, the Defendant was

charged with distribution of five grams or more of cocaine base [21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(I)] which carried with it a possible sentence of 5 to 40 years imprisonment, \$2,000.00 fine, and at least 4 years of supervised release and a \$100.00 special assessment. A direct appeal was not pursued after sentencing. Less than one year has elapsed since the Defendant's conviction. Since the date of conviction, the Supreme Court, in <u>United States v. Booker</u>, No. 04-104 (2005) and <u>United States v. Fanfan</u>, No. 04-105 (2005), has held that the Federal Sentencing Guidelines are unconstitutional as written. The Court held that a sentencing court may refer to them, but it is not bound by them. At the Defendant's sentencing, this Court mentioned to him that it was required to sentence him pursuant to the guidelines even though it had reservations as to why people convicted of his crime appear to be treated more harshly than for other drug offenses. Defendant believes that if the Court had not had its hands tied at the time he may have received a less severe sentence. Based upon the above, the Defendant respectfully requests the Court conduct a hearing and resentence him.

This \_\_7th\_\_ day of \_\_April\_\_, 2005.

Respectfully submitted by

JOSEPH E. EAST

Actorney for Defendant

Post Office Box 1265 Kingsland, Georgia 31548 (912) 576-2668 Georgia Bar No. 237637

# United States District Court

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA WAYCROSS DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	Ł
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JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE

V,

Miesha Omar Porter

Case Number:

CR 503-00018-001

USM Number:

<u>11732-021</u>

<u>Joseph E. East</u> Defendant's Attorney

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[ ] pleaded noto contendere to Count(s) which was accepted

hy the court.

[ ] was found guilty on Count(s)\_ after a plea of not guilty.

The defendant is adjudicated guilty of these offense:

#### Title & Section Natu

Nature of Offense

Offense Ended

Count

21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1)

Distribution of 5 grams or more of cocaine base

December 6, 2001

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The defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 7 of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.

- [ ] The defendant has been found not guilty on count(s)\_\_\_\_.
- [X] Counts 1-5 are dismissed on the motion of the United States.

It is ordered that the defendant must notify the United States attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant must notify the court and United States attorney of material changes in economic circumstances.

April 28, 2004

Date of Imposition of Judgment

Signature of Judge

William T. Moore, Jr.

Chief Judge, U.S. District Court

Name and Title of Judge

APRIL 30, 2004

Date

# IMPRISONMENT

	The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the United States I for a total term of: <u>97 months</u> .	Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned
}	The Court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Pris	sons:
7	The defendant is remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal The defendant shall surrender to the United States Marshal for this dis-	
	[ ] at [ ] a.m. [ ] p.m. on [ ] as notified by the United States Marshal.	
[X]	The defendant shall surrender for service of sentence at the institution d	esignated by the Bureau of Prisons
	<ul> <li>[X] before 2 p.m. on May 31, 2004.</li> <li>[ ] as notified by the United States Marshal.</li> <li>[ ] as notified by the Probation or Pretrial Services Office.</li> <li>RETURN</li> </ul>	
	l have executed this judgment as follows:	<del></del>
	Defendant delivered onto	
ıt	, with a certified copy of this	
		United States Marshal
	Ву_	<del></del>
		Deputy United States Marshal

#### SUPERVISED RELEASE

Upon release from imprisonment, the defendant shall be on supervised release for a term of: 4 years\_\_\_\_.

The defendant must report to the probation office in the district to which the defendant is released within 72 hours of release from the custody of the Bureau of Prisons.

The defendant shall not commit another federal, state, or local crime.

The defendant shall not unlawfully possess a controlled substance. The defendant shall refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. The defendant shall submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, as determined by the

l ]	The above drug testing condition is suspended, based on the court's determination that the detendant poses a low risk of future substance abuse. (Check, if applicable.)
[X]	The defendant shall not possess a firearm, destructive device, or any other dangerous weapon. (Check, if applicable.)
[]	The defendant shall cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the probation officer. (Check, if applicable.)
[ ]	The defendant shall register with the state sex offender registration agency in the state where the defendant resides, works, or is a student, as directed by the probation officer. (Check, if applicable.)
[]	The defendant shall participate in an approved program for domestic violence. (Check, if applicable.)

If this judgment imposes a fine or restitution, it is a condition of supervised release that the defendant pay in accordance with the Schedule of Payments sheet of this judgment.

The defendant must comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court as well as with any additional conditions on the attached page.

#### STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

- the defendant shall not leave the judicial district without the permission of the court or probation officer;
- the defendant shall report to the probation officer and shall submit a truthful and complete written report within the first five days of each month;
- 3) the defendant shall answer truthfully all inquiries by the probation officer and follow the instructions of the probation officer;
- the defendant shall support his or her dependents and meet other family responsibilities;
- 5) the defendant shall work regularly at a lawful occupation unless excused by the probation officer for schooling, training, or other acceptable reasons;
- the defendant shall notify the probation officer at least ten days prior to any change in residence or employment;
- 7) the defendant shall refrain from excessive use of alcohol and shall not purchase, possess, use, distribute, or administer any controlled substance or any paraphernatia related to any controlled substances, except as prescribed by a physician;
- 8) the defendant shall not frequent places where controlled substances are illegally sold, used, distributed, or administered;
- 9) the defendant shall not associate with any persons engaged in criminal activity and shall not associate with any person convicted of a follow, unless granted permission to do so by the probation officer;
- the defendant shall permit a probation officer to visit him or her at any time at home or elsewhere and shall permit confiscation of any contraband observed in plain view of the probation officer;
- 11) the defendant shall notify the probation officer within seventy-two hours of being arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer;
- 12) the defendant shall not enter into any agreement to act as an informer or a special agent of a law enforcement agency without the permission of the court; and
- as directed by the probation officer, the defendant shall notify third parties of risks that may be occasioned by the defendant's criminal record or personal history or characteristics and shall permit the probation officer to make such notification and to confirm the defendant's compliance with such notification requirement.

#### SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

The defendant shall participate in a program of testing for drug and alcohol abuse and, if the probation officer determines it is necessary, the defendant shall participate in a program of treatment for drug and alcohol abuse as directed by the probation officer, until such time as the defendant is released from the program by the Court. The cost of treatment shall be paid by the defendant in an amount to be determined by the probation officer, based on ability to pay or availability of third-party payment.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Upon finding of a violation of probation or supervised release, I understand that the court may (1) revoke supervision, (2) extend the term of supervision, and/or (3) modify the conditions of supervision.

These conditions have been read to me. I fully understand the conditions and have been provided a copy of them.

(Signed)	Defendant	Date		
	U. S. Probation Officer/Designated Witness	Date		

## CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES

The defendant must pay the total criminal monetary penalties under the schedule of payments on Sheet 6.

		<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<b>Restitution</b>	
Total	s:	\$100			
[ ]	The determination of restitution is deferred after such a determination.	until An Amendea	Judgment in a Crimi	nal Case (AO 245C) will be em	tered
[ ]	The defendant must make restitution (include	ling community restitution	on) to the following pa	yees in the amounts listed belov	W.
	If the defendant makes a partial payment, otherwise in the priority order or percentage victims must be paid before the United State	payment column below			
	Name of Payee	Loss* Resti	tution Ordered	Priority or Percentage	<u> </u>
	Totals:				
[]	Restitution amount ordered pursuant to plea	a agreement \$ _			
[ ]	The defendant must pay interest on restituti the fifteenth day after the date of judgment, p	ursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 36	12(f). All of the paym	estitution or fine is paid in full b ent options on Sheet 6 may be su	efore bject
[ ]	to penalties for delinquency and default pur The court determined that the defendant do	es not have the ability to	2(g). pay interest and it is o	ordered that:	
	[ ] The interest requirement is waived [ ] The interest requirement for the		[ ] restitution. tion is modified as fo	llows:	

<sup>\*</sup> Findings for the total amount of losses are required under Chapters 109A, 110, 110A and 113A of Title 18 for offenses committed on or after September 13, 1994, but before April 23, 1996.

#### SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Having assessed the defendant's ability to pay, payment of the total criminal monetary penalties shall be due as follows:

A [3	[] Lump sum payment of \$100 due immediately, balance due
	[ ] not later than; or [ ] in accordance [ ] C, [ ] D, [ ] B, or [ ] P below; or
B [	] Payment to begin immediately (may be combined with [ ] C, [ ] D, or [ ] F below); or
C[	Payment in equal _ (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$\(\sigma\) over a period of _ (e.g., months or years), to commenc _ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after the date of this judgment; or
DΙ	Payment in equal _ (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$_over a period of (e.g., months or years), to commenc _(e.g., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment to a term of supervision; or
E[	Payment during the term of supervised release will commence within (eg., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment the court will set the payment plan based on an assessment of the defendant's ability to pay at that time; or
<b>F</b> [	] Special instructions regarding the payment of criminal monetary penalties:
duri Imm	ess the court has expressly ordered otherwise, if this judgment imposes imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary penalties is during the period of imprisonment. All criminal monetary penalties, except those payments made through the Federal Bureau of Prisons ate Financial Responsibility Program, are made to the clerk of the court.  defendant shall receive credit for all payments previously made toward any criminal monetary penalties imposed.
[ ]	Joint and Several  Defendant and Co-Defendant Names and Case Numbers (including defendant number), Total Amount, Joint and Severa  Amount, and corresponding payee, if appropriate:
[]	The defendant shall pay the cost of prosecution.
[]	The defendant shall pay the following court cost(s):
[]	The defendant shall forfeit the defendant's interest in the following property to the United States:
Pay:	ments shall be applied in the following order: (1) assessment; (2) restitution principal; (3) restitution interest; (4) fine principal; (5) fine

interest; (6) community restitution; (7) penalties, and (8) costs, including cost of prosecution and court costs.

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

#### SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA PROBATION OFFICE

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BRUNSWICK May 6, 2004

Joseph E. East Attorney at Law 607 Isabella Street Waycross, Georgia 31501

RE.

PORTER, Miesha Omar Dkt. No. CR503-00018-001

Dear Mr. East:

Enclosed is a copy of the Statement of Reasons concerning the above-named defendant. This is a confidential document and is not to be disclosed to any other party.

Sincerely,

Sentencing Substallates Speciallat

Enc.

c: Ms. Cameron Ippolito, AUSA Financial Litigation Unit GASP307 (08-30-01)

DEFENDANT: Micsha Omar Porter CASE NUMBER: CR503-00018-001 DISTRICT: Southern District of Georgia

# STATEMENT OF REASONS

(Not for Public Disclosure)

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DEFENDANT: Miesha Omar Porter CASE NUMBER: CR503-00018-001 DISTRICT: Southern District of Georgia

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#### RESTITUTION DETERMINATIONS

Total Amount of Restitution: \$ N/A  [ ] For offenses for which restitution is otherwise mandatury under 18 U.S.C. § 3663 A, restitution is not ordered because the number of identifial so large as to make restitution impracticable under 18 U.S.C. § 3663 A(c)(3)(A).	able victims is
For offenses for which restitution is otherwise mandatory under 18 U.S.C. § 3663A, restitution is not ordered because determining complex is and relating them to the cause or amount of the victims' losses would complicate or prolong the sentencing process to a degree that the need restitution to any victim would be nutweighed by the burden on the sentencing process under 18 U.S.C. § 3663A(c)(3/B).	
For other offenses for which restitution is authorized under 18 U.S.C. § 3663 and/or required by the sentencing guidelines, restitution is not the complication and protongation of the sentencing process resulting from the fashioning of a restitution order outweigh the need to provide any victors under 18 U.S.C. § 3663(a)(1)(B)(ii).	
[ ] Restitution is not ordered for other reasons:	
[ ] Purtial restitution is ordered under 18 U.S.C. § 3663(c) for these reasons:	
DEPARTURE (Check all that apply)	
[ ] The sentence departs below the guideling range for the following reasons; or The sentence departs above the guideline range for the following reasons:	
Pursuant to a Plea Agreement    based on SK1.1 motion of the government based on the defendant's substantial assistance;   based on a government motion pursuant to an early disposition program;   based on a binding plea agreement for departure which the court has accepted (eite helow reason, if applicable);   based on a plea agreement which gites the below reason for departure, which the court finds to he justified; or based on a plea agreement which states that the government will not oppose a defense departure motion and cites the below reason   Pursuant to a Motion Not Addressed in a Plea Agreement     pursuant to a government motion based on the defendant's substantial assistance;   pursuant to a government motion based on the below reason for departure; or     pursuant to a government motion based on the below reason for departure to which the government has not objected; or     pursuant to a defense motion based on the below reason for departure to which the government has objected.   Other than plea agreement or motion by the parties based on the below reason for departure.    SEC. 1 Departure     JALI.3 Criminal History Adequacy (explain)   SEC. 8 Extreme Conduct   JEC. 1 Voluntary Disclosure of O.     JEC. 2 Agravating or Mitigating   JEC. 2 Conduct   JEC. 1 High-Capacity Semuation   JEC. 2 Departure (JEC. 2 Departure (JEC. 2 Departure)   JEC. 2 Departure (JEC. 2 Depar	offense natic Firearm Conduct adders risonoment ick" Program

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ADDITIONAL PRESENTENCE REPORT AND GUIDELINE APPLICATION CHANGES (If necessary.)

SPECIFIC SENTENCE IS IMPOSED FOR THESE REASONS (If necessary.)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR FINDINGS CONCERNING INFORMATION IN PRESENTENCE REPORT (If notessary.)

ADDITIONAL REASONS FOR DEPARTING FROM THE GUIDELINE RANGE (If necessary.)

		April 26, 2004
Defendant's Soc. Sec. No:	257-49-4660	Date of Imposition of Judgment
Defendant's Date of Birth:	March 2, 1973	armont
		Signature of Judge
		William T. Moore, Jr.
Defendant's Residence Address:	3085 Brentwood Street	Chief Judge, U.S. District Court
	Waycross, Georgia 31503	
		Name and Title of $\overline{J}$ udge
Defendant's Mailing Address:	3085 Brentwood Street	
	Waycross, Georgia 31503	#### 30, 2004  Date Signed
		Date Signed

April 28, 2004

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Joseph E. East attorney for the defendant, do hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the foregoing Motion For Relief From Final Judgement And For Reconsideration Of Defendant's § 2255 Motion For Post-Conviction Relief And Resentencing upon:

Mr. Cameron Heaps Ippolito Assistant U.S. Attorney Post Office Box 8970 Savannah, Georgia 31412

by mailing a copy of the same him in a properly addressed envelope with sufficient postage to cover same.

This 7th day of April, 2005.

JOSÉPIJ E. EAST

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